

Timber supplied to Government Departments.

99. The following statement exhibits the quantity of timber supplied to the Gun Carriage Factory, Bombay, and other Departments :—

Name of Department.	Bahan posts and rafters.	Babul logs.	Babul sleepers.	Babul planks.	Babul and bahan props.	Babul bolsters.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Executive Engineer, Sharigh ...	...	...	1,923	8,518	18,340	...
Hyderabad Municipality ...	743	...	...	...	...	...
Public Works Department ...	402	14	...	...	...	...
Gun Carriage Factory ...	...	571	...	...	...	...
North-Western Railway ...	...	...	...	4,598	...	24
Karachi Harbour Works ...	...	...	6,273	...	...	...
Total ...	1,145	585	8,196	13,116	18,340	24

(b) Firewood and Charcoal.

Classes of firewood.

100. For the purposes of sale, firewood is assorted into the following three classes :—

Class.	Size of billets.	Dimensions of stacks.
Steamer fuel ...	3 to 4 feet long and 6 to 18 inches in girth	15 × 15 × 3
Railway fuel ...	3 to 4 feet long and 12 to 30 inches in girth	15 × 15 × 3
Loco. fuel ...	2½ feet long and 7 to 30 inches in girth	50 × 5 × 4

101. The first is chiefly sold for consumption by ferry steamers, Municipal engines and for domestic use. Owners of local industries, such as cotton ginning factories and presses, oil and flour mills, distilleries, &c., purchase the second kind, and the third, as its name implies, is supplied to the North-Western Railway and sometimes to other purchasers.

Comparative yield of firewood and charcoal.

102. A comparison between the yields of the two years 1893-94 and 1894-95 in firewood and charcoal is shown in the statement given below :—

Year.	* Firewood.	Loco. fuel.	Charcoal.	REMARKS.
	Mds.	C. ft.	Mds.	
1893-94 ...	433,857	7,427,557	89,513	* Firewood includes both steamer and railway fuel.
1894-95 ...	371,727	7,583,234	90,711	
Increase ...	...	155,677	1,198	
Decrease ...	61,630	...	...

103. The above figures show that the outturn both in firewood and charcoal has been pretty even and calls for hardly any remarks except that it does not represent the total yield of the areas set apart for working during the year under report. Departmental operations were retarded not only owing to the late subsidence of the abnormally high flood of the year, but also to the great difficulty experienced in all divisions to obtain sufficient labour throughout the working season, caused by the opening of such large public works as the Jamrao

Canal and the Kotri-Rohri Railway. The progress of the work was also interrupted by the pressing of donkeys for the Chitral expedition as without the aid of these animals the professional wood-cutters cannot remove firewood from the forests to the river bank or railway station.

104. The subjoined statement shows the quantity of firewood supplied under departmental agency to the State Railway and other Departments and large consumers for two years:—

To whom supplied.	FIREWOOD.	
	1893-94.	1894-95.
	Mds.	Mds.
North-Western Railway ...	1,283,054	1,093,126
Commissioner's steamer "Jhelum" ...	29,965	31,593
Indus Ferry steamers ...	68,537	68,990
River Conservancy Department ...	4,494	4,528
Public Works Department ...	41,587	3,910
Karachi Harbour Works ...	39,516	...
Commissariat Department ...	217,976	71,267
Hyderabad Water Works ...	61,800	37,000
Sukkur Municipality ...	7,295	11,107
Hyderabad Jail ...	3,576	2,701
Government Farm, Hyderabad ...	4,500	3,500
Seth Vishindas, contractor ...	10,169	132,995
Nawab of Bahawalpur's steamer ...	...	125
Sukkur Water Works ...	600	6,335
Executive Engineer, Military Works, Quetta ...	2,207	6,030
Adjutant, Royal Artillery, Quetta ...	973	965
Messrs. Herman, Boyce & Co. ...	8,550	...
Cotton ginning engines ...	200,700	226,550
Indus Riverain Survey ...	...	4,056
Total ...	1,985,499	1,704,778

(c) Other Minor Produce.

Minor products.

105. Minor products are not collected through departmental agency in the Sind Circle.

II.—Removal of Produce by purchasers.

(a) Timber.

Comparative statement of timber removed by purchasers.

106. The following is a comparative statement for two years of the quantity of timber cut and removed from the forests by purchasers:—

Division.	Timber.		Posts.		Rafters.		Sleepers.		Planks.	
	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.
	C. ft.	C. ft.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Sukkur ...	23,431	2,360	216	101	25,537	23,638	...	...	...	...
Naushahro ...	3,143	9,516	...	1,000	17,789	41,358	...	...	...	...
Hyderabad ...	3,609	10,061	1,414	2,688	13,397	27,176	...	...	...	...
Jerruck ...	399	11,304	991	393	16,360	24,297	...	6,664	...	4,649
Total ...	30,582	33,241	2,621	4,182	73,083	116,469	...	6,664	...	4,649